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The 118<sup>th</sup> Congress got off to a slow start in the House. After 15 ballots over a series of days, Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) won election as Speaker of the House. It was the first time a Speaker had not been elected on the first ballot in a hundred years and the first time the election had taken more than nine ballots since 1859, and sets the stage for some of the difficulties in governing the House that the Speaker will face over the next two years. In particular, the first major challenge facing this Congress will be raising the debt ceiling, which may happen as early as June.

While Congress was organizing itself, Squire Patton Boggs reviewed the County's 2023 Federal Agenda and provided input on prioritization of issue areas to pursue in the new Congress. We also consulted on the upcoming grant opportunities in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and provided guidance on which grant programs to pursue for various County priority projects.

Additionally, over the course of January, we provided the following to Miami-Dade County:

- SAMSA Mental Health grant information
- HUD update on rental affordability
- Summary of Joint Energy/DOT Office virtual Meet and Greet
- Final FY 2023 Programmatic Appropriations Chart with final omnibus funding levels
- Weekly updates on the implementation and grant opportunities in both the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act